

March 6, 1997

Minutes of a meeting of the Spanish Fork joint river committee, Strawberry water users irrigation committee, representatives of the state engineer, and others. Held at 11:00 am in Payson, Utah.

Minutes from last years meeting were read and approved by the committee.

The commissioners report was given. John Mendenhall passed around a book that had pictures of various irrigation structures within the system. He reported a flow of 95 cfs in the river this morning. He said that the new Syar tunnel had vibration and other minor problems that are being repaired. The Syar tunnel was suppose to carry 600-650 cfs, but had been held to 465 cfs. It was expected to be held to under 500 cfs because of environmental concerns. It was indicated that Bruce Hall still has no water measuring device, but he used no water last year. John reported that some remote monitors and controls were already in place on the system. This would be an ongoing project for the next two to three years. A little more water was used last irrigation season than is normally used, but it was a dry hot summer. He also reported that vandalism at the city dam had done an estimated \$10,000 in damages. It was also indicated that it would cost about \$5,000 to bring three phase electrical power to the dam to operate new controls. In October the Salem Southfield canal washed out and had to be piped through the damaged area. A motion was made to accept the report.

The financial report was then reviewed. John mentioned that he had found a current address and phone number for Craig Dansie and had given it to the state for billing purposes because Dansie had a delinquent account. John explained that the computer hard drive broken and that it had to be repaired. Also, a zip drive had been purchased. These two expenditures were included in the expense items. A motion was made to accept the report and it was passed.

A recommendation was made to continue hire John Mendenhall and Ron Davis as the water commissioner and deputy commissioner.

The new budget was gone over and a motion was made to set the assessment at \$56,000.

Glen Hawkins presented a plaque from Strawberry water users to John Mendenhall that was for the late Lynn Mendenhall.

Kevin Creer had a question for the group about who was responsible to enforce a situation where water had been sold off a property and the seller was suppose to remove some

land from production. Glen Hawkins wanted to know about the issue of water owners who wanted to exchange surface irrigation rights for well rights.

adjourned at 12:15 pm